

**Statement of the Slovak Republic**  
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Madam Chair,

Slovakia aligns itself with the statement delivered by Denmark on behalf of the EU Member States and would like to share some points linked to the guiding questions in country capacity. First of all, Slovakia wants to thank Switzerland and Oman for leading this initiative. I will stick to few points only related to agreed questions:

We appreciate strengthening research work in this field and evidence background of the proposal.

As we have been able to see during today's session as well as during last WHA, technical work based on scientific research and internationally agreed methodological instruments and tools is not accepted due to the political terminology. Also, the way of interpreting the evidence is sometimes difficult and usually it leads to difficult discussion between the science and politics. Therefore, we see an urgent need to elaborate methodological, technical and organizational instruments, which will create a space for an appropriate understanding as well as the communication channel for better addressing this matter.

We should be well aware that without implementing appropriate and accessible best services under strong unpoliticized leadership of WHO as a facilitator in conflict, catastrophic, disaster and vulnerable settings this concept won't be implemented effectively on local, not on global level.

Regional priorities based on context and needs should be established and we call on WHO to provide sustainable mapping, to provide consultations with explanation of the added value with participation on this implementation.

We would welcome Working groups with all communities engagements for transparent description of the sets of the objectives on countries and regional level. After this 1st mapping we see and scaling up the initiative to promote global objectives of roadmap